

## **Wahine**

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In 2009, a mysterious figure in an Auckland rest home, where an old woman is dying, triggers memories of the ferocious *Wahine* storm of 1968 and its aftermath.

After the disappearance of her father Snow in the storm, fifteen-year-old Jude Farley is deposited in a Taranaki boarding school so her mother Kit can escape the memories and get on with her life. But Jude is determined to discover through prayer, pure willpower and recovered memory, the truth behind her father's disappearance. Helping her is a new friend, Huia, her headmistress, the formidable Miss Wallace, and the beauty of Mount Taranaki and its surroundings. Meanwhile, in Auckland Kit Farley faces her own demons and embarks on her final journey.

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